

I know my Republican colleagues will say, well, they can always go to an HMO. But remember that HMOs increasingly are not available in a lot of parts of the country, and more and more HMOs are dropping seniors and do not want to offer to senior citizens. So the complication that my colleague from Illinois talks about for seniors, that complication is multiplied so much by what the Republicans seem to be proposing.

And the real answer is to go back to the very simple program, the model that we have now that has worked so successfully for the last 30 years, and that is Medicare. That is all that the Democrats are asking for. And, hopefully, if this does come up in the next week or two, we can make that point about why a guaranteed Medicare plan is so superior to whatever proposal the Republican leadership is bringing up.

I guess I would just conclude by saying as much as I do not like to be cynical, I believe that the Republican proposal really is nothing more than an effort to show that they are doing something and that they fully understand that their proposal is not going to go anywhere and will never be enacted into law. So that is a shame, too, to think they are being very cynical and bringing this up as we get close to the election, rather than trying to put something together on a bipartisan basis that actually can be signed into law.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GRUCCI). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington) at 11 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4546, BOB STUMP NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003

Mrs. MYRICK, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 107-450) on the resolution (H. Res. 415) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4546) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. CARSON of Indiana (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today before 1:30 p.m. on account of official business in the district.

Mr. HALL of Ohio (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of attending ambassador school.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

The following Members (at the request of Mr. McNULTY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CARSON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CAPPS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

The following Members (at the request of Mr. SCHAFER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. JONES of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 410. An act to amend the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 by expanding the legal assistance for victims of violence grant program to include legal assistance for victims of dating violence; to the Committee on Judiciary.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2048. An act to require a report on the operations of the State Justice Institute.

H.R. 2305. An act to authorize certain federal officials with responsibility for the administration of the criminal justice system of the District of Columbia to serve on and participate in the activities of the District of Columbia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3525. An act to enhance the border security of the United States, and for other purposes.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House reports that on May 7, 2002 he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 169. To require that Federal agencies be accountable for violations of antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws; to require that each Federal agency post quarterly on its public Web site, certain statistical data relating to Federal sector equal employment opportunity complaints filed with such agency; and for other purposes.

H.R. 495. To designate the Federal building located in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, as the "Ron de Lugo Federal Building".

H.R. 819. To designate the Federal building located at 143 West Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio, as the "Donald J. Pease Federal Building".

H.R. 3093. To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 501 Bell Street in Alton, Illinois, as the "William L. Beatty Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H.R. 3282. To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 400 North Main Street in Butte, Montana, as the "Mike Mansfield Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 34 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 9, 2002, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6676. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Acquisition of Commercial Items [DFARS Case 95-D712] received April 22, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6677. A letter from the Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Strengthening the Title I Property Improvement and Manufactured Home Loan Insurance Programs and Title I Lender/Title II Mortgagee Approval Requirements [Docket No. FR-4246-F-02] (RIN: 2502-AG95) received April 22, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6678. A letter from the Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Real Estate Settlement Procedure Act Statement of Policy 2001-1: Clarification of Statement of Policy 1999-1 Regarding Lender Payments to Mortgage Brokers, and Guidance Concerning Unearned Fees Under Section 8(b) [Docket No. FR-4714-N-01] (RIN: 2502-AH74) received April 22, 2002, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6679. A letter from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting